

AO 91 (Rev. 08/09) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of TexasUnited States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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David J. Bradley, Clerk

United States of America
v. ~~Garcia~~
Alberto ~~Garcia~~ ~~GML~~
YOB: 1999, COC: USA
Mauricio Martell
YOB: 1998, COC: USACase No. M-19-1796-M

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of July 31, 2019 in the county of Hidalgo in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

18 United States Code § 554

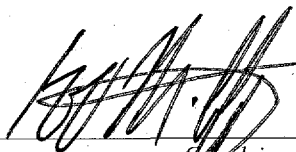
Offense Description

Did knowingly and willfully conspired to export or send from the United States, any merchandise, article, or object, to wit: one AK 47 style rifle, and one .50 Barrett rifle, contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, or receives, conceals, buys, sells, or in any manner facilitates the transportation, concealment, or sale of such merchandise, article or object, prior to exportation, knowing the same to be intended for exportation contrary to any law or regulation of the United States.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT "A"

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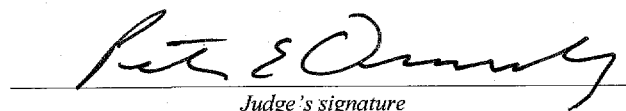


Complainant's signature

Gregory Connolly, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 8/1/20198:11 am

Judge's signature

City and state: McAllen, Texas

Peter E. Ormsby, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT A

On July 31, 2019, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) arrested two individuals, Alberto GARCIA (hereinafter known as GARCIA) and Mauricio MARTELL (hereinafter known as MARTELL) in Pharr, Texas. At the time of the Defendants arrest, they were in possession of a Bushmaster, model XM15-E2S, MULTI caliber rifle and a .50 caliber rifle, which were both subsequently seized.

At the McAllen ATF office, post-Miranda interviews were conducted with GARCIA and MARTELL. Both GARCIA and MARTELL waived their rights, both verbally and in writing.

GARCIA and MARTELL admitted to purchasing the firearms with money provided by an individual in Mexico. GARCIA and MARTELL stated the firearms were going to be given to an individual that would smuggle the firearms to Mexico. Both GARCIA and MARTELL stated they knew it was illegal to smuggle firearms into Mexico, due to the signs they saw while entering Mexico.

GARCIA and MARTELL also admitted they had purchased firearms in the United States to be smuggled into Mexico on other prior occasions. According to the U.S. Department of State, Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (DTCC), the seized firearms are determined to be defense articles described on the United States Munitions List (USML) and regulated for export pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act (Title 22, United States Code, 2778).